

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 326 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Brown, Clemente, Ebli, Hopgood, Lindberg, Nofs, Palsrok, Garfield, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer.
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Angerer, Hammon, Lemmons, Melton, Miller.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 12, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5524	Accavitti	Public utilities; other; choice in purchase of electricity; modify.
HB 5525	Angerer	Energy; conservation; energy efficiency; provide for.
HB 5548	Mayes	Energy; alternative sources; definition of renewable energy resources; clarify.
HB 5549	Palsrok	Energy; electricity; renewable energy portfolio standards; provide alternatives for complying with.
HB 5520	Miller	Public utilities; other; approval of proposed sale of generating plants; provide for.
HB 5521	Gaffney	Public utilities; electric utilities; generation plant and power purchase agreement certification; provide for.
HB 5522	LaJoy	Public utilities; rates; rates to reflect cost of service for each customer class; require.
HB 5523	Clemente	Public utilities; rates; rate implementation if not approved by commission within 90 days; provide for.

The following individuals spoke regarding the legislation before the Committee:

Shorty Gleason, Todd Tennis and Jim Beaubien, representing Protect Michigan, in support of HB 5520-HB 5525

Bill Knox, representing AARP, to answer questions on HB 5520 and HB 5525

Joe Patrick Kelley and Phil Cavanagh, representing TransGreen Energy, on HB 5548 and HB 5549

Cards were submitted by:

Tremaine L. Phillips, representing the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549

Marci Baranski, representing the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition, in opposition to HB 5548 and HB 5549

Martin Kushler, representing the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, in support of HB 5525

Eric Schneidewind and Bob Nelson, representing the Customer Choice Coalition, on HB 5520-HB 5524

Tanya Paslawski, neutral on HB 5548, HB 5549 and HB 5525 and in opposition to tie bar

Dusty Fancher, representing LS Power and New Covert, in opposition to HB 5520 and HB 5525 and HB 5548 and HB 5549

John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5525 and HB 5548 and HB 5549

Bill Lievens, representing Integrys Energy Services, in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5524 and neutral on HB 5548 and HB 5549

Amanda Radaz, representing the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), in opposition to HB 5520-HB 5525

Representative Nofs made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:29 a.m.

Representative Frank Accavitti, Jr., Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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